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Church Association of the Diocese of Toronto.

STUDENTS' AND MISSION FUND.

At a meeting of the Church Association it was referred to a Committee to devise some means for carrying out the wishes of its members as then expressed on the subject of a Student's and Mission Fund, and to lay before the Association some scheme for accomplishing the object submitted to it. The Report made by this Committee was unanimously adopted and ordered to be printed and distributed with the accompanying appeal amongst the members of the Association and its friends.

In pursuance of this resolution these documents are now published.

REPORT.

Your Committee, upon whom, by the action of the Church Association at its last quarterly meeting, devolved the duty of considering the questions of Clerical Education and the Better Support of Missions; beg to report as follows:—

In approaching the question of Clerical Education, your Committee were unanimously impressed with the conviction that some practical steps must be taken by the Association without delay to secure the sound education in evangelical truth of such young men as may be desirous of entering the ministry in connection with the Church of England in this Diocese.

We were the more confirmed in this opinion by the ascertained fact that there is an increasing demand from parishes, as they become vacant, for clergymen of evangelical principles. But while with pleasure we notice this sign of increased vitality and spiritual discernment in the people, we regret to be obliged to add that the few young men in our midst at present offering for the ministry are being trained up in Ritualistic or High Church views, and with strong anti-Reformation and anti-Protestant sentiments.

It is because of this that many members of our Church, who would otherwise gladly take their share in the necessary

expenses connected with the training of men for the ministry, refuse to contribute anything towards the Divinity Student Fund of this Diocese. They will not assist in building up a system with which they have nothing in common.

Your Committee were also in entire accord upon this point, that in making a commencement in the work of Clerical Education, it behoves the Association to make use, as far as possible, of *existing institutions*.

Your Committee would therefore strongly recommend:—

1. That a committee be appointed, who shall take such steps as to them may appear necessary to secure young men for the ministry, to make due inquiry as to their fitness for the high and holy office to which they aspire, to lay down rules for their guidance during the period of their studies, and generally to aid, in every way in their power, in the fitting them for the subsequent discharge of their ministerial duties.

That said Committee do consist of fifteen members, any five of which shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and that the following members of the Association do constitute said committee: the Hon. Chief Justice Draper, the Hon. Vice-Chancellor Blake, Rev. Dr. O'Meara, Rev. Alexander Sanson, Rev. S. J. Boddy, Rev. Canon Baldwin, Dr. D. Wilson, A. H. Campbell, Esq., Rev. H. C. Cooper, Robert Baldwin, Esq., Dr. Hodgins, B. Homer Dixon, K.N.L., Lt.-Col. George T. Denison, Clarke Gamble, Esq., Q.C., and J. K. Kerr, Esq.

2. That University College Toronto, be made use of as the means of procuring a general education for such divinity students as at the time of offering themselves as such may stand in need of such instruction. Several advantages will be secured by the adoption of this course. The best general education the Dominion can afford is thus placed at the disposal of the students. intercourse with other Christian young men in that institution, gathered from the various evangelical Churches in the land, will beget in the hearts of those in whom we are specially interested a large and generous spirit towards all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, which is quite compatible with the strongest affection for that branch of Christ's Church to which we belong, and which will be the means of fostering that true spirit of union which is so much to be desired.

3. That for the present the theological education of the young men be under the control of certain clergymen of the Diocese to be named by the committee, and that this system continue until arrangements can be made for a permanent staff of professors.

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Very Rev. the Dean of Toronto, B.D., the Rev. S. J. Boddy, M.A., and the Rev. Canon Baldwin, M.A., have enabled the Association to set on foot at once this scheme by taking charge of the theological portion of the education of the students until other and more permanent arrangements can be made.

We feel persuaded that this temporary arrangement will meet with the hearty approval of the Association.

4. That all approved students, if, in the judgment of the Committee in this matter appointed they appear to require it, shall be assisted during the period of their studies by annual grants from the funds of this Association.

5. That for this purpose the members and friends of the Church Association be at once requested to contribute to a fund which shall be employed in aiding such divinity students as shall conform to the rules and regulations to be laid down for their guidance, such fund to be held by three trustees appointed by the Association.

6. That the Very Rev. H. J. Grasett, B.D., Dean of Toronto, B. Homer Dixon, K.N.L., and Lt.-Col. C. S. Gzowski be the trustees of such fund.

Two other kindred questions claimed the attention of your Committee, viz:—

1st. What can be done to provide for boys a sound classical education, combined with a thorough grounding in evangelical doctrine.

2nd. What can be done in the education of girls to further the cause of evangelical religion.

While fully recognizing the necessity of arriving at some decision upon these important points, your Committee are unable at present to lay before the Executive Committee any defined plan, but hope at an early day to be enabled to do so.

On the subject of missionary effort in this Diocese, your Committee report as follows:—

As many members of our Church withhold altogether their contributions from the present mission funds of the Diocese because they feel that these moneys go to support teaching at variance with that of our Church, and which, while building up the Church of Rome and filling the churches of other denominations, disgusts and alienates the vast majority of the members of our Church.

And as other members, for a like reason, give far less than otherwise they would be disposed to do; and as it is the bounden duty of every Churchman to take his due and proper share in the maintenance of Christian missions, we recommend that a means be at once afforded to such members of our Church,

without doing violence to their conscientious convictions, at the same time, of aiding in the great missionary work of our Church.

To this end we recommend that the same gentlemen named as Trustees of the Students' Fund be appointed custodians of a fund to be raised, and who, under the management of a Committee on Missions, to be hereafter appointed by this Association, shall aid those missionaries, and those only, whose doctrinal sentiments shall be found in accord with the true doctrines of our Church.

We further recommend that all members of this Association be invited to aid to the utmost of their ability this fund of the Association.

We think this committee should be one that should command the confidence of the whole Association, in order that its members may rely implicitly upon the funds entrusted to it being expended religiously on those objects alone for which they were subscribed. We recommend that the following twenty-four members of this Association do constitute the Committee on Missions for the current year, of whom eight shall be a quorum:—
The Very Rev. the Dean of Toronto, Rev. Rural Dean Stewart, Rev. Rural Dean Givens, Rev. Dr. O'Meara, Rev. S. J. Boddy, Rev. Dr. Strong, Rev. A. Sanson, Rev. Canon Baldwin, Rev. H. C. Cooper, Rev. W. F. Checkley, Rev. H. H. Waters, Rev. G. H. Moxon, the Hon. Vice-Chancellor Blake, Kivas Tully, Esq., C.E., Dr. D. Wilson, His Honour Judge Ardagh, Hon. Jas. Patton, Q. C., Lieut.-Col. Grierson, Wm. Magrath, Esq., Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison, F. W. Gates, Esq., George Elliott, Esq., J. Gillespie, Esq., and D'Arcy Boulton, Esq., Q.C., M.P.P.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. GRASETT,

TORONTO, 30th Sept., 1874.

Chairman.

The Executive Committee have nominated the following as a committee to carry out the objects set forth in the "Appeal," with power to organize committees in other localities:—Hon. Vice-Chancellor Blake, Hon. James Patton, Dr. Hodgins, Kivas Tully, Sheriff Jarvis, Wm. Magrath, Col. Gzowski, Col. Geo. T. Denison, R. N. Gooch, Capt. McMaster, J. Herbert Mason, Col. Robert B. Denison, Bernard Haldane, John Maughan, jr, W. R. Strickland, John H. Delamere, Edward Birch and the Honorary Secretaries.

APPEAL.

To the Members of the Church of England in Canada:

Many members of the Church of England have felt compelled, much against their inclination, to withhold their contributions from the funds of the Church. They feel that it is impossible for them to assist in maintaining a Students' Fund for the support of young men who are carefully trained to look with aversion on our Church as a Church of the Reformation, and to abhor the name Protestant; or to build up a mission fund for the support of men who become worthy disciples of such teaching, and propagators of these and more extreme views. There has been also a widespread and certainly not causeless feeling that the management of the moneys of the Church has been such as to entail much loss and injury to the funds entrusted to the control of certain of her members.

These reasons combined to make many lukewarm, and to deter others from having anything to do with the temporal affairs of the Church.

In answer to a very general demand for some objects connected with the work of the Church in which her members might heartily co-operate, the Church Association has resolved to undertake a training establishment for young men of sound evangelical views, where they will be prepared with the utmost care for the ministry of our Church. The Association has likewise undertaken the formation of a mission fund to aid, in parts of the Diocese where such assistance is needed, in the support of faithful men not ashamed to preach the Gospel of Christ, and to make known his finished work.

We most earnestly solicit the active and zealous co-operation of Churchmen in this undertaking, fraught, as we sincerely trust, under the divine blessing, with great good to our Church, at a time when she stands so much in need of her true sons rallying around her.

Let an individual effort be made in this matter by each of the eight hundred members of the Association.

Let each one make known the door thus opened to young men, and where one is found willing to come forward, let his name and address be at once sent in to the Dean of Toronto, in order that steps may be taken to procure him for the Church.

Let the Secretaries of the Association be informed of the amount by donation, or yearly payments for a specified period, you are prepared to subscribe for the Students' and Mission Fund, or for either of these objects, relying upon your wishes being respected in regard to the particular fund you desire to aid.

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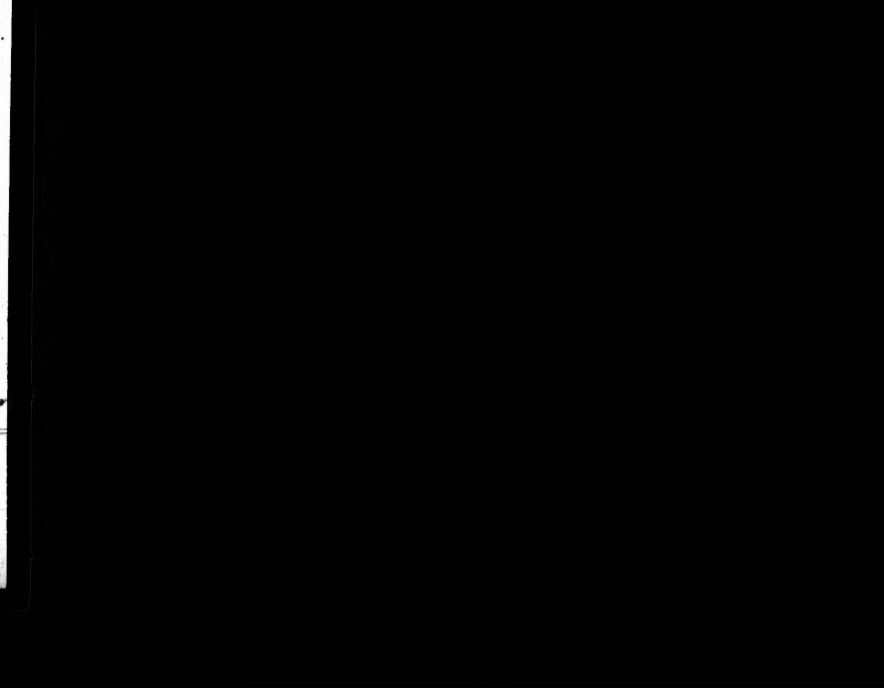
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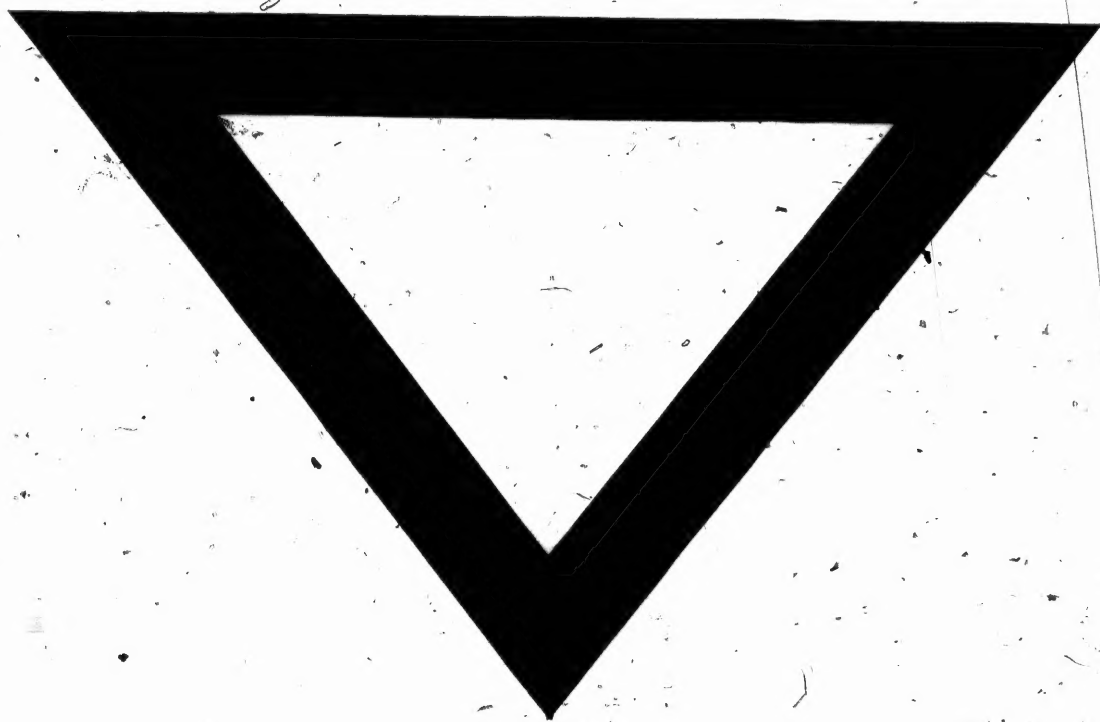
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} *Honorary Secretaries.*

TORONTO, Oct. 7, 1874.





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